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Nebraska Work Trends

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QUESTION: Where do we get the employment data contained in this publication?

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JOB SERVICE OF NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA Work Trends

April 1980

EMPLOYMENT BY STATE 1/

(Nonagricultural payroll data, in thousands)

State	Jan 1979	Dec 1979	Jan 1980 2/	State	Jan 1979	Dec 1979	Jan 1980 2/
Alabama 4/	1,339.8	1,378.2	1,360.8	Montana	268.9	288.7	278.1
Alaska	152.7	157.7	3/	NEBRASKA 4/	604.8	632.3	616.3
Arizona 4/	937.9	1,010.7	997.2	Nevada 4/	359.9	394.7	387.1
Arkansas 4/	722.0	757.8	745.3	New Hampshire	363.2	386.9	3/
California 4/	9,380.4	9,886.9	9,726.2	New Jersey	2,951.4	3,064.5	2,993.9
Colorado 4/	1,171.7	1,254.9	1,237.0	New Mexico 4/	446.2	476.3	469.0
Connecticut	1,366.9	1,431.5	1,402.7	New York 4/	6,992.8	7,271.6	7,087.9
Delaware 4/	247.6	261.8	253.2	North Carolina 4/	2,326.9	2,432.8	2,404.6
District of Columbia 4/	601.5	624.1	611.0	North Dakota	230.6	247.3	240.2
Florida 4/	3,307.9	3,511.2	3,508.6	Ohio	4,393.4	4,534.3	4,415.3
Georgia 4/	2,075.7	2,147.3	2,121.8	Oklahoma 4/	1,047.8	1,122.1	1,105.8
Hawaii	383.5	407.4	405.2	Oregon 4/	1,005.0	1,065.2	1,046.4
Idaho	325.3	339.8	330.7	Pennsylvania 4/	4,695.6	4,882.5	4,789.5
Illinois 4/	4,679.3	4,976.9	4,674.8	Rhode Island 4/	389.5	404.7	391.7
Indiana 4/	2,210.0	2,262.6	2,208.7	South Carolina 4/	1,144.9	1,197.6	1,184.1
Iowa 4/	1,098.6	1,141.8	1,116.4	South Dakota	230.6	239.8	233.6
Kansas 4/	914.2	967.6	944.9	Tennessee 4/	1,731.2	1,810.6	1,775.6
Kentucky 4/	1,211.5	1,262.5	1,236.4	Texas 4/	5,406.6	5,754.9	5,725.2
Louisiana 4/	1,471.7	1,525.8	1,512.1	Utah	530.6	574.3	561.1
Maine 4/	398.1	418.7	406.7	Vermont	191.2	202.7	199.1
Maryland	1,580.8	1,645.8	1,604.0	Virginia	2,052.9	2,128.1	2,098.0
Massachusetts	2,519.5	2,625.6	2,578.6	Washington 4/	1,496.6	1,616.0	1,589.0
Michigan 4/	3,611.3	3,626.3	3,507.8	West Virginia 4/	626.6	659.7	633.6
Minnesota	1,683.0	1,790.1	3/	Wisconsin 4/	1,872.4	2,011.7	1,952.3
Mississippi 4/	818.4	850.3	835.9	Wyoming	185.8	212.5	209.0
Missouri 4/	1,941.6	2,014.0	1,963.5				

1/ Source of data: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, as presented in Monthly Labor Review, April 1980.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Information not available.

4/ Revised series; not strictly comparable with previously published data.

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA 1/

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

April 1980

	Preliminary April 1980	Revised Mar 1980	Revised Apr 1979	Change From: Mar 1980	Change From: Apr 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	788,300	773,000	774,400	15,300	13,900
Employment	761,800	746,300	754,800	15,500	7,000
Unemployment	26,500	26,700	19,600	- 200	6,900
Unemployment rate 2/	3.4	3.5	2.5	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	284,200	282,250	279,100	1,950	5,100
Employment	271,900	270,300	269,050	1,600	2,850
Unemployment	12,300	11,950	10,050	350	2,250
Unemployment rate 2/	4.3	4.2	3.6	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	113,700	114,000	110,200	- 300	3,500
Employment	110,650	110,750	107,650	- 100	3,000
Unemployment	3,050	3,250	2,550	- 200	500
Unemployment rate 2/	2.7	2.9	2.3	xxx	xxx

1/ Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.
2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.
3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 243,400 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 40,800, is excluded from the Nebraska total.
4/ Defined as Lancaster County.
NOTE: The above estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment showed a very small drop of 200 from March 1980 to April 1980, reaching a new total of 26,500. The April 1980 total was 6,900 more than in April 1979. The unemployment rate edged downward slightly from a 3.5 percent in March 1980 to 3.4 percent in April 1980, and compared to 2.5 percent in April 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 350 from March 1980 to April 1980, and were 2,250 more than in April 1979. The unemployment rate edged upward from 4.2 percent in March 1980 to 4.3 percent in April 1980, and compared to 3.6 percent in April 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA dropped by 200 from March 1980 to April 1980, but increased by 500 from April 1979. The unemployment rate also dipped from 2.9 percent in March 1980 to 2.7 percent in April 1980, and compared to 2.3 percent in April 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to increase by 13,600 from April 1980 to May 1980, reaching a new total of 801,900. The unemployment segment is projected as 27,500, while the employment segment is projected as 774,400.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Apr 1980 [3]	Mar 1980 [4]	Apr 1979 [4]	Change From Mar 1980	Change From Apr 1979	Percent Change From Apr 1979
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	628,450	623,900	622,550	4,550	5,900	1.0
MANUFACTURING	97,250	98,350	98,650	-1,100	-1,400	-1.4
Durable goods	51,700	52,550	52,650	- 850	- 950	-1.8
Construction material	4,900	4,900	5,400	0	- 500	-9.5
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,100	2,200	2,400	- 100	- 300	-11.6
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,800	2,700	3,000	100	- 200	-7.7
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,750	1,850	- 50	- 150	-5.2
Metals	9,500	9,550	9,550	- 50	- 50	-1.0
Primary metal industries	2,000	1,950	1,700	50	300	15.9
Fabricated metal products, except machinery & transportation equipment	7,500	7,600	7,850	- 100	- 350	-4.7
Machinery except electrical	13,800	14,150	13,500	- 350	300	2.2
Farm machinery & equipment	8,150	8,350	8,150	- 200	0	0.1
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	10,600	10,750	10,900	- 150	- 300	-3.0
Transportation equipment	5,700	5,900	6,150	- 200	- 450	-7.1
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,950	3,100	3,300	- 150	- 350	-11.5
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,500	5,550	5,300	- 50	200	3.7
Nondurable goods	45,550	45,800	46,000	- 250	- 450	-1.0
Food & kindred products	26,600	26,700	27,000	- 100	- 400	-1.6
Meat products	13,700	13,850	13,950	- 150	- 250	-1.9
Dairy products	1,800	1,800	1,950	0	- 150	-6.9
Grain mill	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0	-0.3
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery products; sugar & confectionery products; beverages; etc.)	6,700	6,650	6,700	50	0	-0.1
Textile products & apparel	2,300	2,300	2,350	0	- 50	-2.0
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,600	7,600	7,150	0	450	6.3
Chemicals & allied products	2,600	2,550	2,500	50	100	5.4
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,450	6,650	7,000	- 200	- 550	-8.1
NONMANUFACTURING	531,200	525,550	523,900	5,650	7,300	1.4
MINING	1,650	1,550	1,650	100	0	-1.9
CONSTRUCTION	31,350	28,650	32,400	2,700	-1,050	3.2
Building construction - general contractors & operative builders	8,900	8,300	9,500	600	- 600	-6.5
Construction other than building construction - general contractors	7,550	5,850	7,450	1,700	100	1.3
Construction - special trade contractors	14,900	14,500	15,450	400	- 550	-3.3
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRIC, GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	46,450	45,900	45,500	550	950	2.1
Railroad transportation	14,950	14,650	14,650	300	300	1.9
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,850	14,650	14,750	200	100	0.6
Communication & electric, gas, & sanitary services	16,650	16,600	16,100	50	550	3.6

TRADE	166,100	164,200	163,100	1,900	3,000	1.9
Wholesale	48,250	47,700	47,750	550	500	1.0
Durable	25,100	24,900	25,000	200	100	0.5
Nondurable	23,150	22,800	22,750	350	400	1.6
Retail	117,850	116,500	115,350	1,350	2,500	2.2
Building materials, hardware, garden supply, & mobile home dealers	5,950	5,750	6,100	200	- 150	-2.7
General merchandise stores	15,600	15,500	15,700	100	- 100	-0.8
Food stores	15,550	15,600	15,250	- 50	300	2.0
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,750	16,550	16,900	200	- 150	-0.8
Apparel & accessory stores	6,400	6,300	6,450	100	- 50	-0.6
Furniture, home furnishings, & equipment stores	4,150	4,200	4,200	- 50	- 50	-0.9
Eating & drinking places	41,750	41,000	38,900	750	2,850	7.4
Miscellaneous retail	11,700	11,600	11,850	100	- 150	-1.1
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,450	3,450	3,500	0	- 50	-1.5
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,250	8,150	8,350	100	- 100	-0.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	42,050	41,650	40,500	400	1,550	3.8
Banking	10,550	10,450	10,250	100	300	2.7
Insurance	20,250	20,150	19.600	100	650	3.3
Real estate	4,900	4,750	4,550	150	350	8.0
Other finance, insurance, & real estate (including credit agencies other than banks; security & commodity exchange & services; etc.)	6,350	6,350	6,100	50	250	4.4
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	118,500	116,650	113,200	1,850	5,300	4.7
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, & other lodging places	7,050	6,800	7,000	250	50	0.3
Personal services	6,300	6,250	6,300	50	0	0.1
Business services	17,850	18,000	16,200	- 150	1,650	10.5
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,150	4,150	4,000	0	150	4.1
Amusement & recreation	7,250	6,150	6,450	1,100	800	12.3
Health services	41,100	40,850	38,800	250	2,300	5.9
Educational services	8,500	8,500	8,450	0	50	0.2
Social services	5,950	6,000	5,900	- 50	50	1.1
Membership organizations	8,550	8,600	9,000	- 50	- 450	-4.8
Other services (including legal & other professional services; miscellaneous repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	11,800	11,350	11,100	450	700	6.2
GOVERNMENT	125,100	126,950	127,550	-1,850	-2,450	-1.9
Federal	16,200	16,300	16,150	- 100	50	0.5
State	32,000	33,350	31,350	-1,350	650	2.1
Local	76,900	77,300	80,050	- 400	-3,150	-3.9

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent change based on unrounded data.
2/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
3/ Preliminary estimate.
4/ Revised.

NOTE: These estimates are based on March 1979 benchmark. All months comparable.

APRIL 1980 IN REVIEW . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 4,550 from March 1980 to April 1980. Manufacturing dropped by 1,100, while nonmanufacturing more than counterbalanced this with a gain of 5,650.

The decrease of 1,100 in manufacturing included a decrease of 850 in durable goods and a dip of 250 in nondurable goods. The decline in durable goods occurred in nearly all categories, led by a drop of 350 in machinery except electrical and a reduction of 200 in transportation equipment.

Month-to-month increases occurred in construction/mining (2,800), trade (1,900), services (1,850), transportation-communication-utilities (550), and finance-insurance-real estate (400). The increase of 1,900 in trade included a gain of 550 in wholesale and a gain of 1,350 in retail trade (led by a rise of 750 in eating and drinking places). The chief gain in services was in amusement and recreation (1,100).

From March 1980 to April 1980, employment dropped in government by 1,850, with 1,350 of that reduction occurring in state government. The majority of the drop in state government occurred in educational services, reflecting fluctuating turnover in part-time employees.

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries increased by 5,900 from April 1979 to April 1980. This included a reduction of 1,400 in manufacturing more than counterbalanced by a rise of 7,300 in non-manufacturing.

The decline of 1,400 in manufacturing included a drop of 950 in durable goods and a dip of 450 in nondurable goods. The largest losses in durable goods were in construction material (-500), and transportation equipment (-450). The major reduction in nondurable goods was in food and kindred products (-400).

Year-to-year gains were registered in services (5,300), trade (3,000), finance-insurance-real estate (1,550), and transportation-communication-utilities (950). The increase of 3,000 in trade included a rise of 500 in wholesale and a gain of 2,500 in retail (paced by a gain of 2,850 in eating and drinking places). The chief gainers in services were health services (2,300) and business services (1,650).

Year-to-year losses occurred in government (2,450, led by a drop of 3,150 in local government), and construction/mining (-1,050).

OUTLOOK. . . . . .

Employment activity in June 1980 is projected to show a moderate seasonal increase in construction/mining, but with less of a rise than experienced in June 1979. Trade is anticipated to have a slight increase, and services are expected to have a moderate growth. Agriculture is expected to demonstrate a substantial increase, following customary seasonal trends. It is anticipated that employment levels will remain relatively unchanged in manufacturing, transportation-communication-utilities, finance-insurance-real estate, and government.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND

APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1]

April 1980

		Applicants Available FY to date [2]	Active File	Nonag Job Openings Received FY to date [2]	Unfilled Total	Unfilled 30 days or more	Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of Total
TOTAL [3]		75,035	27,750	36,978	5,265	3,767	2.03	5.27	71.5
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	9,304	3,290	3,116	1,580	1,308	2.99	2.08	82.8
2	Clerical and sales	21,842	6,880	9,210	1,855	1,400	2.37	3.71	75.5
	Entry codes [4]	4,844	1,443	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	13,004	4,119	7,357	1,566	1,217	1.77	2.63	77.7
	25-29 Sales	3,994	1,318	1,853	289	183	2.16	4.56	63.3
3	Service	12,666	4,479	6,748	721	396	1.88	6.21	54.9
	Entry codes [4]	2,170	712	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	30 Domestic	829	305	1,304	48	21	0.64	6.35	43.8
	31-39 Other	9,667	3,462	5,444	673	375	1.78	5.14	55.7
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	2,360	666	884	48	9	2.67	13.88	18.8
5	Processing	2,182	688	2,088	40	19	1.05	17.20	47.5
6	Machine trades	3,842	1,474	1,301	151	76	2.95	9.76	50.3
7	Bench work	3,932	1,458	1,207	120	68	3.26	12.15	56.7
8	Structural work	10,005	3,930	4,018	273	123	2.49	14.40	45.1
9	Miscellaneous	12,196	4,509	8,347	242	135	1.46	18.63	55.8
	Entry codes [4]	2,606	898	------	-----	-----	----	----	----
	90-91 Motor freight, transportation	4,194	1,567	3,134	119	69	1.34	13.17	58.0
	92 Packaging, materials handling	5,024	1,903	4,867	80	30	1.03	23.79	37.5
	93-97 Other [5]	372	141	346	43	36	1.08	3.28	83.7

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).
2/ Period covered: 10-1-79 through 4-30-80. FY 1980 defined as 10-1-79 through 9-30-80.
3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.
4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.
5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]
BY OCCUPATION

April 1980

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE: Number		OPENINGS AVAILABLE: Average Pay		OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END: Total		OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END: Unfilled 30 Days or More	
	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month	Current	Last Month
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	5,140	5,038	$ 8,960/yr	$ 8,775/yr	2,512	2,541	1,359	1,233
Professional, technical, and managerial	892	885	11,429/yr	11,524/yr	650	699	433	419
Clerical and Sales	1,378	1,451	7,633/yr	7,565/yr	755	759	402	389
Service	817	781	3.52/hr	3.41/hr	402	354	216	145
Farming, fishery, forestry, and related	170	150	3.75/hr	3.71/hr	64	58	29	23
Processing	266	271	5.08/hr	4.95/hr	42	42	26	11
Machine Trades	311	257	5.11/hr	4.63/hr	141	137	62	68
Bench Work	185	199	3.64/hr	3.65/hr	77	98	32	44
Structural work	610	512	4.46/hr	4.58/hr	245	234	93	107
Miscellaneous	511	532	4.47/hr	4.18/hr	136	160	66	27

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

April 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr 1980[2]	Mar 1980[3]	Apr 1979[3]	Apr 1980[2]	Mar 1980[3]	Apr 1979[3]	Apr 1980[2]	Mar 1980[3]	Apr 1979[3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$292.09	$287.25	$255.84	40.4	40.7	40.1	$7.23	$7.07	$6.38
Durable goods	289.68	285.66	255.78	40.8	41.4	40.6	7.10	6.90	6.30
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	248.80	239.27	234.02	40.0	38.1	41.2	6.22	6.28	5.68
Primary and fabricated metals	288.15	284.62	261.99	40.3	40.2	41.0	7.15	7.08	6.39
Machinery and transportation equipment	317.41	310.13	276.97	41.6	42.6	41.4	7.63	7.28	6.69
Nondurable goods	294.46	288.95	255.57	39.9	39.8	39.5	7.38	7.26	6.47
Food and kindred products	324.79	318.75	276.11	40.7	40.5	39.9	7.98	7.87	6.92
Meat products	394.66	334.72	292.59	40.8	39.8	39.7	8.57	8.41	7.37
Dairy products	208.05	205.90	195.32	36.5	36.9	38.0	5.70	5.58	5.14
Grain mill products	409.91	412.30	319.95	46.9	47.5	45.0	8.74	8.68	7.11
Bakery products	227.14	228.49	224.78	33.7	33.9	33.7	6.74	6.74	6.67
Other food and kindred products	216.71	221.76	215.08	37.3	38.3	37.8	5.81	5.79	5.69
Printing and publishing	250.80	246.24	232.80	38.0	38.0	38.8	6.60	6.48	6.00
Chemicals and allied products	308.26	305.32	262.79	45.2	44.9	41.7	6.82	6.80	6.29

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing increased by $4.84 from March 1980 to April 1980. This included a gain of $4.02 in durable goods and a rise of $5.51 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased $36.25, including a rise of $33.90 in durable goods and a gain of $38.89 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours dropped by 0.3 hours from March 1980 to April 1980, but gained 0.3 hours from April 1979. Average hourly earnings gained $.16 month-to-month, and also gained $.85 year-to-year.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING[1]

(Per 1,000 workers)

March 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Mar 1980[2]	Feb 1980[3]	Mar 1979[3]	Mar 1980[2]	Feb 1980[3]	Mar 1979[3]	Mar 1980[2]	Feb 1980[3]	Mar 1979[3]	Mar 1980[2]	Feb 1980[3]	Mar 1979[3]	Mar 1980[2]	Feb 1980[3]	Mar 1979[3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	29	29	44	25	23	39	36	32	40	20	20	28	8	6	5
Durable goods	30	29	51	25	21	46	35	32	39	19	18	28	8	8	3
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	41	65	71	33	32	60	38	57	51	18	26	44	15	25	2
Furniture and fixtures	38	20	52	37	19	38	13	17	34	5	11	29	1	4/	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	39	22	52	3	17	46	36	26	40	17	14	24	12	6	7
Machinery and transportation equipment	20	24	46	16	17	43	32	28	35	16	16	25	8	6	2
Other durable goods	55	42	52	48	38	47	53	44	44	41	30	30	1	5	4/
Nondurable goods	28	30	36	25	27	30	36	32	43	21	22	28	7	5	8
Food and kindred products	25	31	39	22	27	30	37	32	47	20	21	26	7	6	13
Meat products	25	36	44	23	34	33	36	36	48	19	23	26	6	7	13
Dairy products	3	11	25	3	11	23	25	14	25	16	11	18	4/	3	4/
Grain mill products	37	19	21	29	15	18	31	22	32	21	14	16	4/	5	10
Bakery products	37	31	41	29	27	32	31	26	40	21	14	30	4/	6	2
Other food and kindred products	38	38	53	29	25	40	50	41	71	30	26	41	13	6	25
Textiles and apparel	75	38	56	66	34	53	51	51	54	43	41	48	4	6	1
Paper and allied products	23	12	14	22	12	11	17	24	21	12	19	17	1	4/	4/
Printing and publishing	31	35	28	29	33	26	31	36	40	23	26	35	4/	1	1
Chemicals and allied products	29	25	29	28	24	28	20	17	21	7	10	12	8	5	6
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	19	21	35	14	18	32	54	25	42	23	17	29	23	4	5

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Program.

NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing in March 1980 remained the same as in February 1980: 29 per 1,000 workers. During that period, durable goods increased from 29 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000, while nondurable goods dipped from 30 per 1,000 to 28 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions dropped from 44 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000. This included a reduction in durable goods from 51 per 1,000 to 30 per 1,000, and also a decrease in nondurable goods from 36 per 1,000 to 28 per 1,000. Separations increased from 32 per 1,000 in February 1980 to 36 per 1,000 in March 1980, and compared to 40 per 1,000 in March 1979. The month-to-month increase in separations occurred entirely in layoffs, as quits showed no change.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

APRIL 1980

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)	Apr 1980	Mar 1980	Apr 1979
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial Claims	6,495	5,266	3,582
Weeks claimed	48,414	55,127	32,466
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$ 3,801,591	$ 4,823,979	$ 2,086,760
Calendar year to date	$18,235,668	$14,240,710	$12,902,662
Average size of weekly payments	$ 92.17	$ 93.85	$ 79.31
First payments	3,076	3,156	1,580
Exhaustions	1,321	1,324	952
Individuals who drew benefits	14,846	16,745	9,790
Rate of insured unemployment	1.8	2.2	1.4
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$ 58,515	$ 71,358	$ 60,799
Average size of weekly payments	$ 73.05	$ 94.14	$ 69.56
First payments	39	41	38
Exhaustions	20	20	37
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMENT (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$ 30,481	$ 33,337	17,274
Average size of weekly payments	$ 82.16	$ 80.14	$ 77.46
First payments	27	25	20
Exhaustions	1	1	0
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	38,568	38,552	36,883
Contributions received	4,911,008	$ 105,325	$ 3,350,629
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$77,238,867	$74,636,410	$63,410,963

UI initial claims in area claims centers increased from 5,266 in March to 6,495 in April 1980. Weeks claimed decreased from 55,127 in March to 48,414 in April 1980.

UI benefit payments decreased from 4.8 million in March to 3.8 million in April 1980.

The number of insured unemployed decreased from 12,910 in March to 10,783 in April 1980. The rate of insured unemployment decreased from 2.2% in March to 1.8% in April 1980.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 11.7 million compared to 9.0 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 77.2 million compared to 63.4 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1/]

April 1980

	Amount	Percent of Total
SEX:		
Male	7,577	71.6
Female	3,010	28.4
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	9,502	89.8
All other races	1,085	10.2
AGE:		
Under 22	1,412	13.3
22 - 44	6,618	62.5
45 and over	2,557	24.2
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	4,106	38.8
5 - 14	4,434	41.9
15 and over	2,047	19.3

	Amount	Percent of Total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,276	12.0
Clerical and sales	1,416	13.4
Service	677	6.4
Farm and related	167	1.6
Processing	504	4.8
Machine trades	515	4.9
Bench work	599	5.6
Structural work	3,692	34.9
Miscellaneous	1,741	16.4
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and mining	3,290	31.1
Manufacturing	2,787	26.3
Durable goods	1,361	12.9
Nondurable goods	1,426	13.4
Transportation, communications and utilities	419	4.0
Trade	1,625	15.3
Finance, insurance, and real estate	234	2.2
Services	1,110	10.5
Government	292	2.8
Other	830	7.8

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for April 1980 was 10,587.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U. S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, APRIL 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	Percent Change From 1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	Percent Change From 1 Month Ago	Percent Change From 1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	242.5	1.1	14.7	242.6	1.1	14.5
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	242.8	0.7	7.3	243.2	0.8	7.3
Food	249.1	0.7	7.2	249.5	0.8	7.2
Food at home	245.3	0.7	5.9	245.0	0.8	5.9
Cereals & bakery products	242.0	1.4	12.8	242.2	1.2	12.5
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	235.1	-1.1	-2.0	234.3	-1.2	-2.1
Dairy products	222.4	1.0	9.9	223.1	0.9	9.9
Fruits and vegetables	240.9	3.7	6.4	239.8	4.2	6.8
Other foods at home	295.1	1.1	11.8	294.6	1.3	11.7
Food away from home	263.0	0.8	10.3	265.3	1.0	10.4
Alcoholic beverages	183.9	1.2	8.0	185.0	1.2	8.4
HOUSING	257.9	1.3	17.3	257.8	1.3	17.3
Shelter	276.0	1.6	19.6	277.2	1.7	19.9
Rent (residential)	187.0	0.2	8.7	186.9	0.3	8.7
Other rental costs	260.7	0.8	14.2	260.5	0.7	14.3
Homeownership	307.7	1.9	22.2	310.0	2.0	22.7
Fuel and other utilities	270.5	0.9	18.9	271.0	0.9	19.0
Fuels	337.8	1.2	26.6	337.6	1.1	26.6
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	556.4	0.5	59.1	557.1	0.5	59.0
Gas (piped) & electricity	288.0	1.4	17.4	287.6	1.3	17.3
Household furnishings & operation	203.0	0.8	7.6	200.7	0.8	7.2
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	177.3	0.7	7.2	176.1	0.6	6.5
Men's & boys' apparel	166.9	0.8	4.6	167.3	0.8	4.5
Women's & girls' apparel	155.9	0.3	2.2	154.7	-0.1	1.7
Footwear	188.3	0.7	8.1	188.1	1.0	8.0
TRANSPORTATION	246.8	1.3	21.6	247.7	1.4	21.6
Private transportation	247.0	1.2	21.6	248.0	1.4	21.7
Public transportation	235.9	1.6	22.5	229.7	1.6	18.6
MEDICAL CARE	262.0	0.7	11.4	263.1	0.8	11.9
Medical care services	283.4	0.7	12.0	284.5	0.8	12.5
ENTERTAINMENT	202.5	0.9	8.6	201.3	0.9	8.5
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	209.8	0.4	8.6	209.2	0.4	8.3
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	282.0			282.2		